

THE DRESDEN ENTERPRISE.

"THE WORLD MOVES."

VOLUME 34

DRESDEN, WEAKLEY COUNTY TENNESSEE, SEPTEMBER 1, 1916

NUMBER 23

DRESDEN SCHOOL OPENS AUSPICIOUSLY

Large Attendance of Pupils and Patrons. Enthusiastic Addresses Delivered by Prominent Citizens.

Play days are over, boys and girls—don't you hear the school bell ringin'?

Dresden never had a more auspicious school opening than that of last Monday morning, when the large auditorium was crowded to overflowing with bright boys and girls and interested patrons.

Judge Jones conducted devotional exercises, reading Exodus 30, and particularly stressing the verse, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." Mr. R. T. Lewis followed in a most timely address, complimenting the large attendance of patrons and heartily thanking the citizens for their liberal response in contributing towards the additions just made to the school building. Mayor Suddath, in his own inimitable way, addressed the pupils, impressing upon them the absolute necessity of applying themselves to their studies. Supt. Foster Faqua made a rousing talk, urging co-operation among faculty, patrons and pupils. Mrs. Mooney responded to a special invitation, urging the erection of an invisible altar to the goddess of wisdom, outlining the three steps to being a scholar—wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Others who made appropriate addresses were Herbert Jones, C. H. Hilliard, A. G. Thomason, King Webb, C. A. Ogan, Mrs. Ogan. Each member of the faculty made a nice little talk, thanking the patrons for their attendance, etc. Musical numbers were given during the exercises, and Mr. Finch, principal, made an appeal to the boys and girls to help him make this the best school in Dresden's history.

We believe they will do it!

The faculty is composed of Heber Finch, principal, Misses Ida Hancock, Gladys House, Pearl Henderson, Mrs. King Webb, Mary Mayo, and Mrs. W. D. Brasfield, music instructor.

A Birthday Celebration.

Last Sunday, August 27, was a very happy day in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Childress, the occasion being the celebration of Mr. Childress' seventy-first birthday.

His six children, sixteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a few friends enjoyed the day—and the great feast which was spread on two long tables under the shade of the trees.

As a gift in honor of the day, a large, handsome chair was presented to him by his children. Other remembrances were also received.

Victrola music was enjoyed throughout the day, along with the merriment and good fellowship. Later in the afternoon water-melons and ice cream were served, after which the friends and relatives took their leave, wishing for Mr. Childress many other birthdays such as this one, and that they might again be his guests on the occasion.

Those present, were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Childress and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cravens, of Rives; Mr. J. N. Childress of Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ford, Misses Ruby Smith, Pearl, Opal and Valna Stafford, Robin Childress and Nora Francis Moore; Robert Stafford, Lockhart Childress, Cortez Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Weas Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hudson, Miss Ida Baxter, Dr. H. G. Edmonson, Mr. Jordan Wharton, Sam Cravens, sr.

Fair Catalogues Being Printed.

The Weakley county fair catalogue is now in the hands of the printer and some of the catalogues will likely be ready for distribution by Monday of next week. Those desiring copies will make application to the secretary, Mr. King Webb. Please do not ask the Enterprise to mail you a catalogue, as we have nothing to do with the distribution of the same, but Mr. Webb will take pleasure in supplying you.

The catalogue contains many changes this year. The premium list is bigger and better than former years and many new premiums have been added, while some have been discarded. Many changes are made in the ladies' department, and the race program ought to prove the best ever seen here. A third race for each day is a running race, always full of excitement and genuine interest.

Special attention is directed to the large list of special premiums, solicited by Mr. J. W. Thomas, Dresden's handsome young attorney, and the girls' canning club and boys' corn club departments. These are well worth your reading.

Extraordinary arrangements are being made for the 1916 fair here, and the public may rest assured of a splendid program each day.

Aged Citizen Dies Suddenly at Ralston

Mr. J. N. Babb, eighty-odd years of age, died suddenly Saturday afternoon at his home, near Ralston.

Mr. Babb, known throughout the community as one of its most energetic elderly men, worked in the field all morning. At noon he came to the house, fed his mule and was preparing to spend the afternoon in Martin. He came in from the horse lot and sat down, telling his wife he was very warm and felt bad; she inquired if he hurt anywhere and he answered no, but within a very few minutes the old man expired while sitting in his chair.

He was laid to rest Sunday afternoon at the Martin cemetery. A large family of sons and daughters survive him, among them being Albert, Jim and Riley Babb, and Mesdames Jud Alexander and Essman.

Paper Still Going Up.

The Enterprise received a ton of paper on Wednesday which cost us \$95 f. o. b. Nashville. A year ago we purchased this same paper for \$50 f. o. b. Dresden, making it double the price of today. This simply means that we are forced to pay double what it cost a year ago to furnish our readers the news.

Now, won't those of you who have not responded to our appeal to pay in advance, do so at once. Do it next Monday when in town. We insist that you attend to this at once. This will help us to meet the increased cost of production.

If you don't come to town Monday, then send a dollar by your neighbor who is coming, and if he don't come send a check or money order. We will be forced to collect in advance or drop all names not paid up.

Buying Goods in Markets.

Mr. R. L. Jeter, of Dresden is spending part of this week in St. Louis markets buying fall and winter goods for his large dry goods emporium at Dresden. He is personally selecting each article and, as he knows just what his trade desires, may be counted upon to have a select, up-to-date stock of fall and winter wearables.

Another Weakley county merchant in the markets this week is Mr. Clarence Dodd, junior member of the well-known firm, B. E. Dodd & Son, Martin. Clarence, who is not only a smooth, graceful salesman, but a good buyer as well, left last Sunday for Chicago and St. Louis markets.

Mail Carrier Finley Desperately Ill.

The legion of friends of R. F. D. Carrier Finley, on route No. 6, Dresden, will be pained to learn of his critical illness.

Mr. Finley had not been well for some time, and during last week did not go on his route all the week. Friday morning he came to town to consult a physician, and while in Alexander's drug store had a hemorrhage. He was carried to his home, west of the fair ground, in Dr. Mayo's car. Drs. Taylor and Mayo accompanied him, together with Mrs. Finley. All during the day he was in a very critical condition and a specialist was called from Nashville, reaching here on the midnight train. He pronounced Mr. Finley suffering from ulcer of the stomach and recommended an operation, but at this writing Mr. Finley is too weak to stand the trip to Nashville.

His condition was reported some better early in the week and all his friends sincerely trust he will continue to improve and soon be entirely restored.

Powerless Now Brotherhoods Say.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Brotherhood heads insisted after a conference with Secretary Wilson today that they had not been requested by President Wilson or any other administration official to postpone the strike, and that nothing except a satisfactory settlement of their demands could prevent a walk-out.

"No power on earth except a satisfactory settlement now can prevent a strike," said W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen. "We four heads certainly could not obtain a postponement of the strike if we wanted to, nor could we postpone it if we received messages requesting such action from every one of the committee of forty, who were here last week."

"President Wilson has not asked us to postpone the strike, and he understands, as we made it very clear to him on Monday night, that we now are powerless to act unless a satisfactory settlement is made."

Besides conferring with Secretary Wilson and several members of congress to-day, the brotherhood officials expected to see Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. Opinion among brotherhood officials as to whether enactment

Free Telephone Service to Union City.

Patrons of the rural telephone systems in this county are now enjoying free telephone service to Union City, and the service is the equal of the expensive brand heretofore enjoyed. There is a blank line from Martin to Union City and plans are on foot for a blank from Dresden to Martin, though there is now in operation a line from here to Ralston and one from the latter place to Martin, over which fairly good service is enjoyed.

The rural telephone has come to stay and business and professional men might as well make up their minds to patronize it. Besides this, the service is as good as any telephone service anywhere, and in a very few years free service will be given throughout the whole country. The Dresden exchange, under the painstaking, courteous management of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, is growing. Nearly all the Dresden business firms now have rural telephones for the convenience of their patrons.

Tobacco Men to Appeal to Wilson.

Representatives from every buying point in the great tobacco region known as the "Black Patch" left Paducah Saturday for Washington to confer with President Wilson Monday and request his good offices in securing the rescinding of Great Britain's orders in council barring tobacco shipments, save through the Netherlands Overseas Trust. It is declared buyers for central powers and the Dutch government will not enter the field under present conditions and stagnation of market is threatened. With a 25 per cent. oversize crop of fine quality, the growers face calamity unless something is done. The delegation is recruited from Paducah, Mayfield, Murray and Hopkinsville and Clarksville.

into law of the president's program before next Monday would prevent a strike still is divided.

The heads of the brotherhoods say any court order directed against them with a view to preventing a strike would be ineffective for the reason that the strike order has passed from their hands and they have not the power to recall it.

W. O. W. Convention at Paris, Tenn.

Paris, Aug. 25.—Maple Camp, No. 45, Woodmen of the World, of this city, is making extensive preparations for the entertainment of the uniform rank encampment of the Woodmen of the World for the two sister states, Kentucky and Tennessee. The encampment will be held here Sept. 5-9, inclusive. The city council at their last meeting granted permission for the use of the new Atkins Porter school and grounds in the eastern part of the city. This also includes electric lights and water privileges. Arrangements are being made for the tenting of 1,000 or more of the uniform rank. The people of Paris and Henry county are showing every evidence of being ready and willing to offer entertainment and the "glad hand" to all visitors. Some of the higher state officials of Woodcraft have been here recently looking over matters generally, and seem pleased with the conditions. Thursday, Sept. 7, will be "Rally Day."

Black Locust in West Tennessee.

More than fifty thousand black locust seedlings, nursery grown, were bought by the farmers of West Tennessee last spring. They were set out for two purposes, viz., to reclaim gullied land and to grow posts, both of which give a return in money. With care and a little attention, every farmer who wishes to grow his own seedlings can do so. The seed of the black locust are now ripe, the pods dry. They begin ripening about the middle of July and there is a good crop of them. If the landowner will spend an hour or two gathering them, he will have enough to sow a fairly good seed bed next spring. It costs only a little time and effort to secure them and by planting the landowner learns something about tree growth. Several men in West Tennessee planted the black locust seed last spring to grow their own seedlings. Among them are Mr. G. W. Cleaver, at Hollow Rock, and Mr. Joe Johnson, at Martin. Their small trees vary in height from six inches to practically six feet now. Mr. Cleaver's are estimated between three and five thousand in number, grown from sowing a half pound of seed. Practically their only expense has been the cost of the seed, which had to be bought at the rate of 60 cents per pound. If the landowner who wishes seed would spend sixty cents worth of time in gathering them he could get enough to grow several thousand seedlings.

If the owners who gather seed this summer will send a statement of the number of pounds they secure to the forester of the state geological survey, Nashville, Tennessee, he will be glad to keep a record of it so as to know how much will be ready to plant next spring, and will do the planting.

28.4 Miles On Nine Pints of Gasoline.

Wells & Wolking, Overland dealers at Freeport, Minn., put new series model 75-B touring car through a unique test the other day, running the car for a distance of 28.4 miles on one gallon and one pint of gasoline. Eighty-eight stops were made on this trip. A competitive low-priced car of lighter weight tried the same test on the same route the following day, but used up two gallons of gasoline.

The above was taken from the news columns of Sunday's Commercial Appeal. If interested in the purchase of an Overland, see J. H. Moran or Joe L. Holbrook.

TOWN BEAUTIFUL PRIZES AWARDED

First Prize Goes to Mrs. J. N. Brasfield, Second to Mrs. J. A. Paschall and Third to Mrs. Lee Brasfield.

We, the committee appointed to make the Duke C. Bowers "Town Beautiful" premiums for the prettiest yards in Dresden hereby make our reports as follows, awarding First to Mrs. J. N. Brasfield. Second to Mrs. J. A. Paschall. Third, to Mrs. Lee Brasfield. (Signed) J. T. Perkins, R. W. Bandy, R. L. Goolsby.

The above in a nut shell explains itself. During the past year, when the Enterprise was strongly urging concert of action to make Dresden the most attractive town in West Tennessee, Mr. Duke C. Bowers, always generous, progressive and ready to lend a helping hand in any laudable enterprise, came to the aid of this paper and very generously offered \$40 in premiums, to be divided \$25 for the prettiest yard, in Dresden, \$10 for the second and \$5 for the third.

On Wednesday Messrs. R. L. Goolsby, of Greenfield, J. T. Perkins, of Martin, and R. W. Bandy, Gleason, very kindly consented to come over and make the awards. Arriving here promptly on schedule time, they were escorted over town by Mr. Jas. H. Moran in his nice car, the committee going to every home in town.

It was with considerable difficulty that a decision was finally reached and one street, on which there are a number of beautiful lawns and yard (Paris) was gone over a second time. The pretty flower yards of Mrs. A. L. Killbrew, in the new addition, came in for honorable mention and was greatly admired by each member of the committee. Returning to the Dresden Bank the committee made its reports as above set out. The Enterprise, upon the part of Mr. Bowers, who is away, and these good ladies whose efforts have been so substantially recognized by this committee, desires to thank Messrs. Perkins, Bandy and Goolsby for their kindness.

The committee was almost unanimous in deciding the court yard the most inviting and the prettiest place in Dresden and would have given it first premium except for the fact they felt that Mr. Bowers intended the premiums to go to private property, but they complimented Tommy McWhorter for the pretty yard.

Duroc Pigs for Sale.

I have seven thoroughbred Duroc pigs for sale. All in perfectly healthy condition and old enough to crack corn.—Joe L. Holbrook

Improve McFerrin School.

The board of education for the Memphis annual conference, Methodist Episcopal church, South, held its annual meeting in Martin during the past week. Among other things done was an agreement to a recommendation to the next session of the conference to be held in Union City in November, next, of an appropriation by the board of \$1,500 (\$500 annually) to the McFerrin Training school, the property of the church. This money to be used in the enlargement and improvement of the girls' dormitory, and dining room connected therewith.

This amount thus expended will make this one of the best buildings for the purpose in the bounds of the Memphis conference.

The school will open soon and has promise of increased attendance.



Some Paints are Better—We keep that Kind

WHEN YOU FIGURE ON PAINTING YOUR HOUSE, DON'T FIGURE IT AS AN EXPENSE. IT'S NOT AN EXPENSE, BUT AN INVESTMENT—AND A GOOD ONE.

A BRIGHT, CHEERFUL-LOOKING HOME HAS A DIRECT EFFECT ON THOSE IN IT—MAKES THEM HAPPY AND CONTENTED.

OUR GOOD PAINTS "GO FAR" AND PRESERVE YOUR PROPERTY.

FIX THAT BROKEN WINDOW NOW AND KEEP OUT THE WIND. WE HAVE THE WINDOW GLASS AND PUTTY YOU NEED.

Miles & Brundige
MARTIN, TENNESSEE